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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: Proposed Substitute Unit Well 26 MKR RA SUA

GRAND BAY FIELD

Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 26 MKR RA SUA, in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for which a unit was established and rules and regulations adopted by Office of Conservation Order No. 80-YY, effective March 17, 1992.

- 1. To designate Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. GPLD No. A-175 Well as a substitute unit well for the 26 MKR RA SUA, in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
  - 2. To designate Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. as the unit operator.
- 3. Except as may be in conflict with the provisions hereof, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 80-YY shall remain in full force and effect.
  - 4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - S. L. 335 DP No. 1, the present unit well, ceased to produce in December, 1996. The Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - GPLD No. A-176, the alternate unit well, ceased to produce in March 1992. The proposed substitute unit well will allow for the recovery of hydrocarbons within the existing unit which would otherwise be lost.

The 26 MKR Sand, in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 80-YY, effective March 17, 1992.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat identifying the subject unit created by Conservation Order No. 80-YY, along with the location of the proposed substitute unit well. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a list of names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list will be provided to any party requesting a copy. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant, Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

**LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOCIATES** 

Bill McAlister, Jr.

BMJr/cu Enclosures

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Interested Parties, Interested
Owners and Represented Parties

